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Circuit Court Judge
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**CHILDREN'S DIVISION
DIRECTIVE
CHILDREN'S 13-03**

State of Wisconsin
Milwaukee County

To: Jeffrey Kremers, Chief Judge; All Children's Court Judges and Commissioners, B. Tom Wanta, Delinquency and Court Administration; Arlene Happach, Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare; Lovell Johnson, District Attorney's Office; Robin Dorman, Public Defender's Office; Shelia Hill Roberts, Legal Aid Society; Dan Barlich, Clerk of Courts; Duke Lehto, Private Bar Representative

From: Hon. M. Joseph Donald, Presiding Judge, Children's Division

RE: Family Intervention and Support Services (FISS)

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, effective January 1, 2014 the Clerk of Circuit Court will no longer accept the Request to File a JIPS or CHIPS petition; and,

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, based upon a FISS assessment, families needing services shall be offered services either through community services or FISS services, and that any case that requires mandatory reporting shall be referred to 220-SAFE based on current policy; and,

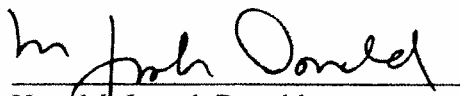
IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, if after services are attempted, or refused the family wants to seek a court order, FISS shall complete a reassessment and refer the family to either Delinquency and Court Services (DCS) or the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) depending on whether in FISS's opinion the case falls more properly under Chapter 48 or Chapter 938; and,

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, DCS and the BMCW shall provide parents seeking a court order under Chapter 48 or Chapter 938 the appropriate paperwork to file a petition with the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office pursuant to court procedure; and,

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DIRECTED that, the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office will NOT accept a JIPS/CHIPS petition filed by the parent or guardian unless the petition is accompanied by a JIPS/CHIPS Checklist signed by the DCS Human Service Worker or a BMCW Initial Assessment Social Worker.

Dated at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, this 3 day of December, 2013

By the Court,


Hon. M. Joseph Donald
Presiding Judge, Children's Division

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